(b) what are the details of the representation given to the persons belonging to SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The requisite information in respect of the Central Electricity Authority is contained in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 160].

इलाहाबाद जिले में गांवों में टेलीफोन

2931. **श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1988-89 वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जिले के कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी गई;

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करा दिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धन राशि उपलब्ध करायी गई है अथवा आवंटित की गई है?

संचार **मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो)**: (क) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान इलाहाबाद जिले के दो गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान कर दी गई हैं।

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान चार और गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिए अलग से कोई राशि आवंटित नहीं की जाती। इन कार्यों पर होने वाला खर्च समिति को दिए गए एक मुश्त अनुदान से पूरा किया जाता है।

Measures to accord safety in mines

2932. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has decided to take up several measures to accord greater priority to safety in mines;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the steps will provide cent per cent safety in coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The safety situation in the coal mines is constantly reviewed by the Safety Board of Coal India Limited. In addition, Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines, under the Chairmanship of Energy Minister, comprising of representatives of the Central Trade Unions, the coal companies and the Directorate General of Mines Safety, regularly monitors the safety situation in the coal mines and advises on the long/short term measures necessary to reduce hazards connected with the coal mining operations.

(b) and (c) The following areas have been identified for special attention:—

(i) re-introduction of Coal Cutting Machines and elimination of solid blasting as far as possible,

(ii) staggering of shifts of loaders and preparation of 1½ times the number of faces to minimise the risks involved in collection of coal from freshly exposed faces,

(iii) creation of multi-skilled crew,

(iv) introduction of and adherence to support plans in underground mines,

(v) improvement of travelling roadways,

(vi) fitting of HEMM, specially the Dumpers, with Audio-Visual Alarms for safe reversal of vehicles,

(vii) conducting seminars/special training programmes on safety to inculcate awareness among miners. These measures are expected to

improve significantly the safety situation in the coal mines.

2933. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1989*].

Compensation to the victims of industrial accidents

2934. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across the judgements of High Courts and Supreme Court where compensations to injured in industrial accidents or disaster have been paid on the basis of the paying capacity of the industry; and

(b) what are the details of the compensation paid by Union Carbide in the past for big industrial accidents for dead, permanently disabled and partially injured?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government is not aware of any case in which compensation has been actually paid to such victims on the basis of the paying capacity of the industry.

(b) According to available information, in the incident of leakage of toxic gas at the Institute plant of Union Carbide in West Virginia USA in August, 1985, about 135 people were affected. It appears that these cases were settled out of Court.

Suggestions for amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Act

2935. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Pharmacy Graduates' Association has suggested amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to restrict the compounding, dispensing and sale of drugs to registered Pharmacists only; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government on this suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required details to the extent available will be collected from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Installation of Sub-Station in West Delhi

2936. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electrification scheme for Mohan Block and I Block of Sagarpur West New Delhi, has been sanctioned in 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that substation building and Lining work for the purpose have been completed by the authorised contractor and the transformer has also been allotted; and

(c) if so, by when the transformer is likely to be installed and the substation would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work of energisation of the transformer/sub-station for electrification of the blocks in question is expected to be completed by 30-4-1989.

Expenditure incurred in celebrations of Energy Conservation Week

2937. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the venue of the celebrations of Energy Conservation Week recently in Delhi and what is the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) what were the main highlights of the celebrations;

(c) whether Government is aware that lot of electricity is being wasted